MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I want the increased amount from the rise of duty on tobacco also.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I want notice.

Vechur Primary School.

80. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): With reference to the answer to question No. 86 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 7th August, 1923, will the Government be pleased to say:

(*a*) the names of the three primary schools in the Vechur *pakuthi* which are open to all classes of people; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Pulayas are allowed to use the road which is nearer the temple than the school from which they are excluded?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 1. Vechur Mar Michael's Aided Primary School.
2. Vaikam St. Louis Do.
3. Kallara C. M. S. Do.

(*b*) Pulayas walk along the road referred to.

Travelling Allowance, etc., to non-official Legislative Council Members.

81. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to say what the expenditure was on account of travelling allowance, etc., to the non-official members of the Legislative Council during 1098?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The amount of travelling allowance, etc., drawn by the non-official members of the Legislative Council during 1098 is Rs. 11,880-4-9. This amount is inclusive of the travelling and other allowances to non-official members that sat on the various committees of the Legislative Council.

Jenmi and Kudiyan Bill.

82. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to say whether the Jenmi and Kudiyan Bill is ready for introduction in the Legislative Council?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The Bill is still under the consideration of Government.

Miss Martin, Deputy Surgeon.

83. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state on what principle they fix the rank of an officer in the *Civil List*?

(*b*) Is it a fact that the Darbar Physician has recommended that Miss Martin who is a supernumerary Deputy Surgeon be placed last in the grade of Deputy Surgeons when she is absorbed in that grade?

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to say whether it is a fact that Miss Martin occupies the thirteenth place in the list of Deputy Surgeons?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The following are the principles according to which rank of officers is usually fixed in the *Civil List*:

(i) Seniority in any particular grade or appointment is fixed according to the dates on which the officers are confirmed in those grades or appointments.

(ii) If two or more officers belonging to the same *cadre* are promoted on the same day, their previous rank in the *cadre* is usually followed in their new appointments.

(iii) In the case of officers of different departments taking charge of new appointments in the same *cadre* on the same date, rank is determined with reference to their substantive pay prior to their appointment, or, if they drew the same pay, with reference to the date on which they began to draw that pay.

(iv) If rank could not be fixed in any of the above ways, the total service of the officers would be taken into account.

(v) Exceptional cases will be dealt with according to the merits of each case.

(*b*) Government are not prepared to disclose the recommendation s made by their officers in the matter of appointments and promotions.

(*c*) The member is referred to page 166 of the *Civil List* corrected up to the 1st Chingam, 1099.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): On what principle was Miss Martin's rank determined? There are several principles mentioned in the answer.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): After considering all the principles.

PRESIDENT: You mean the rank in the *Civil List*?

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Yes. Several principles are given. On which of those principles was the rank fixed?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Is it a fact that Miss Martin was allowed to be promoted from the 18th to the 13th grade?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): She was supernumerary and she was put in the regular *cadre* only recently.

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PRESIDENT: She had no definite number as she was supernumerary.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): May I know whether the Government's order appointing Miss Martin as a supernumerary Deputy Surgeon was correctly carried out?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have treated her more considerately than as contemplated in the original order.

Applications for Tapping.

84. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*):

(*a*) What is the proper time when applications for tapping trees hould be presented?

(*b*) When should the trees included in the applications be numbered and marked?

(*c*) Are the trees being numbered and marked within the time specified?

(*d*) Were all the trees included in each application numbered and marked in the years 1097 and 1098 within such time?

(*e*) If not, will the Government be pleased to state the place and the number of trees at each place which were not numbered and marked within the proper time?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No time has been fixed for the applications for licenses for tree-tapping.

(*b*) The trees should, under the rules, be numbered and marked within three weeks from the date of issue of the licenses or within 26 days from the date of application.

(*c*) It is reported that, as a rule, trees are being numbered and marked within the time specified.

(*d*) and (*e*) All the trees applied for during the months of Chingam, Kanni and Tulam in 1097 and 1098 were not marked before the close of Tulam in those years. A list* of the trees so left unmarked after the close of Tulam is appended.

Huzur Employees drafted to other Departments.

85. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names, appointments and pay of the persons who have been permanently drafted to other departments from the Huzur Office from 1096 to the end of 1098?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The statement † required by the member is laid on the table.

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* *Vide* Appendix II – page 341.

† *Vide* Appendix III—page 342.

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